

What is the Lincoln Park Community Mosaic Project?

The Lincoln Park Cultural Center, in conjunction with the Chicago Park District Department of Culture, Arts and Nature and several local institutions, including Victory Gardens Theater, The Second City, and the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce, have formed The Lincoln Park Community Mosaic Committee to create just that- a community mosaic.

So far, the Committee has selected the Chicago Public Art Group and artists Sonja Henderson and Miertes Zwierzynski to lead the artistic effort. This past November, they mediated three community design workshops to gather ideas from the community, and to create a design to get behind. The workshops were exciting displays of artistic talent and passion for the arts and culture that surrounds us.

The Concept:

The idea is to create an art and play space - a gathering place for kids of all ages - with a new sculptural piece that incorporates mosaic ornamentation inspired by the Lincoln Park community. Proposed for the area to the southwest of the Lincoln Park Cultural Center, the project will extend the programming space of the Cultural Center, creating a staging area for activities and workshops to unfold outside. Carrying the richness of what's inside to the outside, the new installation will lend a visible presence to the activities within, and strengthen ties with the community.

Building on regional models such as the Burnham Wildlife Corridor Gathering Spaces and CPAG's sculpture at Hilliard Apartments, the goal is to define a safe place, created by and for the neighborhood, that celebrates the arts. Separated from the streets, but close to the neighborhood, it becomes a place where kids are encouraged to climb and play, and for people of all ages to linger and enjoy.



The artist-led workshops held in November cultivated many colorful inspirations from the community.



The Lincoln Park Community Mosaic Project Needs Your Help!

Perhaps you have marveled at some of the stunning mosaics that dot the underpasses up and down Lake Shore Drive and wondered what similar works of art might look like here in Lincoln Park? We are home to some of the most premier arts and cultural venues in the city. Wouldn't it be great to celebrate this art and culture in a community driven project?

Help us reach our goal: **\$55,000**

We invite you to be a part of this artistic celebration of arts and culture. Our fundraising goal is \$55,000, which includes the professional artistic services of the Chicago Public Art Group, supplies, workshops and the installation of the artwork. We ask for your fundraising dollars to make this dream a reality.

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